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*If you have any problems, talk to these two. The winners of the Client Counseling Competition were Mary Murray and Cathleen Densmore. Finalists were Bessie Beikoussis and Judith Buckley.*

Photo by Lori Rivera

## News Briefs

### Tuition/Faculty Appointment/Jessup Team

Boston College's Trustees recently announced that tuition for the 1987-88 school year would be \$10,560—an increase of 7.4 percent over this year's rate. A 7.4 percent increase means that we will pay 740 more dollars next year. All of the graduate schools had their tuition increased by 7.4 percent while the undergraduate school had its tuition raised by 8.8 percent.

Dean Daniel Coquillette said that the new figure or decision was not his, but was made by the Board of Trustees and the executive vice president. The Board looks at the needs of the University as a whole and then decides how much tuition should be raised, according to Coquillette. This provides the University flexibility so that if certain areas of the school need more assistance then they raise, the University has the funds to allocate to them.

Coquillette added that this wasn't a tuition increase he agreed to, because the increased funding was not specifically earmarked for any law school programs. The final decision on how the money is allocated will not be made until July. However, Coquillette said that the University has treated the law school well when it comes to allocating funds. He cited last year's increase which added 1½ new faculty positions, increased staff for the Development office, as well as other numerous improvements around the school.

Five percent of the tuition increase is automatically earmarked for increases in fixed costs, stated Coquillette. He continued that tuition increases cannot be the basis

for enhancement of the law school and that is why he has emphasized the growth of the Development Office which now has its own quarters in Barat House. Coquillette added that he was investigating the possibility of establishing a government loan remission program with some endowments that provide disgression on their use to the Dean.

BCLS was fourth in tuition cost last year behind Harvard, B.U. and Northeastern, according to Coquillette.

### New Faculty Member Announced

Alfred Yen, a private practitioner from the Los Angeles firm of Shepherd Mullin, has been chosen to take the position vacated by Mary Ann Glendon's departure to Harvard. Yen, a graduate of Stanford and Harvard Law School, will teach Evidence, Civil Procedure and Advanced Constitutional Law. He will be the first Asian-American on the law school staff.

### International Moot Court Team

A funny thing happened on the way to the finals. BCLS, which all the judges said was the best team in the region, was kept out of the regional final because of a scoring error. Despite not being the official regional champ, the region's directors are requesting that Jessup Tournament organizers extend BCLS an opportunity to compete in the National Round. As the *Alledger* went to press, the bizarre details of the error were still not clear and the National organizers had not announced a decision.

## Mock Trial Team On To The Nationals

By Arthur Jackson

Saddle up partner—we're off to Texas!

The BCLS Mock Trial team of Toby Dilworth, Jim Oliver and Graham Teall won the New England Regionals on February 15, and are now bound for the Nationals to be held in Houston, Texas in March.

The other BCLS team of Jane Woodworth, Jon Roellke and Scott Jordan dominated the competition before being upset in a split decision in the semi-finals.

The Dilworth/Oliver/Teall (BCLS II) went undefeated (5-0) in the three-day competition. BCLS II trounced Vermont, Suffolk II, and Maine in the preliminary round where each winner was chosen by 3-5 judges. During the preliminary round, BCLS II had two unanimous decisions and a comfortable 3-1 margin over Suffolk.

BCLS II's strong performance though, only earned them the second seed entering the playoffs, because BCLS I, Woodworth/Roellke/Jordan had been even more dominating. BCLS I had gotten the number one seed by winning all three matches without losing a single judge's vote.

During the preliminary round, controversy swirled in the BCLS II-Suffolk II match when the Suffolk competitors had their witnesses make up facts which would help their side of the case. This strategy backfired on Suffolk, though, when BCLS exposed this hoax and had Suffolk's witnesses admit on the stand that their lawyers had told them to say the phony facts, stated Dilworth. Dilworth added that the judges were also not too impressed with the ethical integrity of the Suffolk team because of

that gambit.

In the semi-finals, BCLS II beat Suffolk II (sans phony facts), again advancing themselves to the finals and automatically qualifying them for the Nationals. Meanwhile, BCLS I ran into some unexpected judicial scoring and lost a split 2-1 decision over a Suffolk team which they had beaten the day before, 3-0.

Roellke said that his team was one cross-examination away from a BCLS sweep of the regionals (and it wasn't the cross of Myrtle, said Roellke). Roellke and Jordan both felt that they had dominated the evidentiary issues in that round and had gotten their theory of the case on the table.

However, Jordan surmised that they had done too good a job, because one judge said that he thought the prosecution case was easier. (BCLS was prosecution in the loss.) This was a little funny, said Jordan, because throughout the competition, the judges had been saying the problem was a defendant's case.

BCLS got some revenge in the finals, though, when Dilworth/Teall/Jordan won a decisive 4-2 decision over Suffolk I.

Dilworth says that he was surprised at the wide variety of opinions among the judges on significant evidentiary facts, but he felt the slip-ups in testimony of the witnesses gave the competition a realistic feel. Both he and Roellke were impressed with the organization of the competition which BU ran. All the team members added that their coach Jack Cinquegrana deserved a lot of credit for their success.

The Mock Trial team can be expected to bring more fame and fortune to BCLS when they journey to Houston. Ride 'em cowboys!

## Sharon Hamby Law Library Director

By Bonnie C. Rowe

Back behind the BCLS Law Library office in which one buys photocopy cards, you may have glimpsed a fair red-haired woman in another office. She was probably busy with multiple volumes and papers, or on the phone on library business. This is the only chance that most law students get to see Sharon Hamby, Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law.

Since 1979, Hamby has been responsible for the budgeting, management and planning for the BCLS library collection and personnel. Helping her in this task is a dedicated, permanent staff of six-

teen, as well as thirty work-study students.

The director's job is a far-reaching one, for she is an important member of the law school administration in deciding law school policy. The library supports the school's academic needs by maintaining an up-to-date and well-organized collection. (Considering the fast turnover of law volumes and periodicals, keeping the collection up to date is a tremendous job.)

In addition, Hamby represents BCLS' library and its needs within the jungle of Boston College bureaucracy and belongs to a close

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## A few minutes with R.T. How 'Bout Spending Those Tuition Dollars On...

By R.T.

Tuition. The definition in Webster's says \$\$\$\$; unaffected by law of gravity. Well, surprise, surprise. BCLS announced tuition was going up and up, again. But, I guess you could have predicted that fact as easily as you could have that Elgin would 'cut' on first years. The fact that tuition will go up is more dependable than a lot of other things that are supposed to go up like your G.P.A., knowledge of family law, extra-points by BC kickers and other things which will remain nameless. (But you know what I'm talking about.)

Rising tuition is as regular as the rising sun. A new day. A new year. The sun and tuition will both go up. Think about that and I bet you'll never look at the end of a year in quite the same way. Coquilletson-Ernstoffman. Wallets for your money.

Tuition. Do you ever wonder what they do with all the extra money they collect when tuition increases? Do we get an extra french

fry with our lunch? Do our professors keep us late every other day instead of once a week? Or maybe the heat in the library goes on before it closes instead of after? No, I don't think we get any of those.

Maybe for that extra seven hundred BCLS will become new and improved. Yeah, now we get air-conditioned classrooms, velour seats, and automatic windows all in the standard law school package.

O.K. O.K.—don't be so cynical you say. We did get a new carpet for the main floor of Stuart and other random areas of the school. Plus, a couple rooms had those swivel seats put in so your body could keep up with your head when your professor crams ten cases into the last three minutes of class. Oh yeah, don't let me forget the new wooden mailboxes for clubs. Can't let that one slip by.

Now that's what we have in the debit column—accounting really comes in handy—and in the credit column we have approximately \$600,000.

All in all, 600 grand for those assets seem like the type of deal you or I would be hard-pressed to pass up. Coming on top of the five picnic tables and mailboxes the year before for a mere 700,000, I would say we got a heck of a deal (I would use hell, but we don't want to offend any women who might be reading this).

Alright, so maybe I don't think we spent those tuition increases in the right fashion. Well, it's easy to criticize, but do I have anything positive to suggest. As a matter of fact I *could* suggest a few trifling changes in the way to spend our money.

### Lockers

Now we all know BCLS was first in line a few years back when the Newton elementary schools had some spare equipment to sell, but let's be serious. Those lockers are built for a couple pocket-size Harlequin romances and maybe one notebook. We need something a little more expanded. Something designed more to the needs of law

students. Did you ever wonder what was behind the wall of lockers?

Why doesn't the school just extend our lockers back through that wall and make them more into 'dressing-room'-size lockers for each of us. What with having to be prepared for class, interviews, sports and parties all at school, we each need our own space—and a lot of it. The school can pass, though, on the make-up people, since nobody wears any.

### Audio-Visual

The school did buy a TV for the student lounge last year, so factor that into our \$600,000 expense account. Not much difference though, right? The point is, why stop at one TV? Put TVs in all the classrooms. Yeah, who would skip class if they knew they could come and watch their favorite soap? Plus, it would force the profs to liven up their lectures if they wanted students to watch them and not the TV. Anything that will liven up lectures has

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## Dicta

## What Happens When You Start Thinking About Your Car

By Stephen Kelly

I don't think about my car much. It's a red VW diesel with 114,000 Vermont miles to its credit. The right rear door hasn't opened in two years and I can't turn the heat off. My friends say I shouldn't complain, so I try not to think about it.

But a couple of weeks ago, I couldn't get the old beater off my mind. The winter cold had put my trusty auto into hibernation for a couple of days, and until I could get it to a shop I had to make due without. At first, all I saw were sacrifices.

It meant no more showers fifteen minutes before class. No more

romping home for lunch to catch the last moments of "The Price is Right." And no more howling to the radio on the way to school.

Instead of driving, I took the shuttle bus. Rising a half-hour early, I would scamper through the morning chill to the bus stop and stand silently next to a young woman wearing Reeboks and listening to Phil Collins on her Walkman. A few moments later I would board the bus jammed with more 19-year-olds smelling of cheap perfume and dressed in colors that would make NBC's peacock blush.

For the first few days, I didn't speak to anybody and nobody spoke to me. Instead, I thought a

lot about Henry Ford, 1962 Cadillacs with fins so sharp they hurt, and how cars protect personal freedom more than any provision of the Constitution. But after a few days, something different mesmerized my morning ride.

I had been riding the bus for nearly a week, and I had yet to speak a word with my fellow passengers—my collegiate colleagues, if you will. In fact, I generally received a distinctly cold shoulder, especially on the leg from main campus to the law school. Maybe it was me? I'm not always Mr. Congeniality at 7:30 in the morning. But one day, a little blonde from Connecticut leaned over and clued

me in.

"You're a law student, aren't you?" she asked. First, I turned to the guy sitting next to me, but he was pounding his Reeboks to the latest dance mix by Duran Duran. So I figured she meant me.

"Yeah," I said. "How can you tell?"

She just chuckled. Not a cruel laugh, just a "How stupid are you?" kind of laugh. I was puzzled for a minute, so I continued employing my finest client-counseling etiquette.

"Have you got a problem?" I snapped back.

"No," she said. "It's just all you

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## Elgin's Edifice

## Elgin's Worldwide Enterprises: Is the Stock Market Ready?

By Elgin

Elgin is on the run. The faculty is demanding his resignation. The first years are demanding his resignation. Even some of his fellow *Alledger* staffers are demanding his resignation. What to do now? Continue offending them, I say! I know my loyal readers appreciate my column for what it is: less filling (in your cat's litter box) but tastes great (when used to wrap fish).

I finally decided that all the persecution of innocent people had to stop. I'm going public. Somewhere near this print you can see a candid photo of me writing my column. After months of hiding my identity, I've decided to let the readers see who I am. I must admit that I was a little "stoned" at the time that the picture was taken, but nonetheless you can see it's me. Now I hope my readers will stop taking me for "granite." (Sorry for the quotation marks, but I wanted to make sure first years got the joke—or lack thereof.)

Did anybody notice that I've started my own comic strip with the help of an artistic consultant? I've decided that it's time for Elgin Worldwide Enterprises (EWE if you will) to start branching out. Besides newspaper columns and comic strips, we're also getting into biogenetic engineering, frisbees, nuclear fusion technology, tattoo parlors, computers and potato chips, trouble, electric cattle prod repellants and, finally, sharpening metal teeth on transparent tape



*Elgin's marble? Yes, we caught the Alledger pundit as he truly appears.*

dispenser. If you're interested in an exciting and rewarding career with us, just write your name and address on the back of a matchbook and hold on to it. We're especially looking for people to test our electric cattle prod repellant while being tested.

Did anyone catch that bogus mini-series "Amerika" on television last week? Imagine a place where all the decent leaders are exiled far away, the officials who do remain won't listen to you, and on top of that you have to wait in outrageously long lines for food. I'm glad I'm at good ol' BC Law

instead!

What's this: *U.S. vs. Visine Eye Drops, Inc.*, 370 U.S. 921, 540 S. Ct. 620, 357 L. Ed. 983 (1987)? It's a cite for sore eyes! I know you don't think that's funny now, but you'll laugh after you Shepardize that joke. Trust me.

So, the moot court competition has gotten underway, huh? Things are getting pretty competitive among the second-years, although I don't think that they possess quite the same cutthroat shrewdness as their first-year brethren. The other day I caught a female Grimes competitor spraying Nair on an opponent's brief. Somehow I think she was missing the point.

Actually, Grimes is a barrel of fun... unless you're a competitor. It's not so thrilling to study and memorize every single case even remotely affecting your issues, only to be asked, "On what grounds is appellate jurisdiction appropriate in this case?" by some judge who just arrived and doesn't even know what a bench memo is. Most of the judges, by the way, are first-year associates who dig being called "your honor" by the only people lower than them in the foodchain of the legal profession. Social Darwinism really takes it on the chin, if you know what I mean. If you don't know what I mean, consider yourself normal.

### Old Joke

"Mikey, Mikey, why are you hitting yourself in the head with a  
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## LSA Niblets

## New Developments of Some/Limited/Doubtful Interest

By Rich Stacey

Okay, here I go again. I know it is my duty as LSA president to try and cram as much information as possible into this one so you can stay fully informed while you are on your ski lifts/beach towels/collective behinds. Here are the further developments of the BC Law scene that are of some/limited/doubtful interest to at least one student out there;

**BAR REVIEW**—Yes, first in mind once again I have yet to hear of any new word on a liquor license for the school. In any event, the Bar Review Committee is still actively seeking your hard-loaned funds in order to keep this integral part of the school functioning.

Bernie Pellegrino is the new head of the Committee, and reported that over \$350 was raised in the first two weeks of the new format. This is a great start, but we need a lot more to pay for Bar Review for the semester. The Committee has plans to raffle off a basketball signed by members of the Celtics (yes, New Yorkers, we still have one WORLD CHAMPION Team left).

A final note on this—if you have ever benefitted from a free drink or two at Bar Review this year, please find it in your heart and wallet to make a donation. A few dollars from each of you would pay it off for the year.

**THIRD YEAR REP**—If you haven't heard by now, the new holder of this title (as approved by both the WBA and the ABA) is Sir James Coviello, who was drafted by certain powers-that-be into the election after much maneuvering by several potential candidates. If you are a member of the outgoing class and you have difficulty remembering how you voted on this, you will have to take my word for it that you voted for Jimmy.

He was, after all, the only candidate.

**GRADUATION**—Tic tic tic tip tip tip. Protocol is still an ugly word, but it no longer stands in the way. After about two months of waiting, and almost daily harassment on our part, we still hadn't hear from our friend Mario Cuomo, so we decided to invite the next

name on our list, as voted by you, the third-year class: Tip O'Neill.

I would like to point out that this was decided days before the Governor's office announced that he had agreed to speak at two other college commencements in New England. So there. As for Tip, keep your fingers crossed.

There will be a reception for graduating students, their families and friends on the eve of our graduation, May 23rd, in the late afternoon (say, oh, around 4 or 5 p.m.). This will consist of liquid refreshments and snacks, and is not put on by the LSA, so don't even think of asking me why we don't have Jack Daniels there, if that be the case!

Also, for your information, the religious ceremonies this year will be Catholic and Protestant. Every year there is a Catholic ceremony (go ahead and try to guess why that is) and the other religion is chosen at random.

Of course, this religious selection business is sensitive stuff, and the school does not leave this to amateur administrators. No, they fly in Vanna White to help out.

One problem with this random process is that you may want to wait a few years in order to graduate with your own religious ceremony. For instance, if you are a member of the ancient Thuggee cult, you may want to take a lighter course schedule and as a result graduate with your very own ceremony in, say, 1993. Or, if you are Oral Roberts, you maybe should have crammed a little and tried to graduate last semester. Most of us, however, thought about this before we applied here, so don't try to cause problems now.

As for our last nonbinding referendum, the final decisions on the results are due just hours after the deadline for this article, so you may have to wait for the report. From what I saw, the clambake and harbor cruise looked real popular, while the amusement park and breakfast with certain others did not.

Whoever suggested under the "other" category that we all spend one day of our last week together at my apartment is to be compli-

mented for his or her fine taste in apartments and company, but of course will be shot on sight if found approaching the elite Cleveland Circle compound.

Jim Coviello has assumed his new duties and is searching for a band for our party, and I'm sure he will welcome suggestions and help.

And, before I forget, I should tell you how the finances for all this work. The LSA usually buys the class gift and donates a fairly large amount toward the graduation party. Otherwise, we still must rely on each of you to pay for what you want to attend. This includes tickets for the graduation party, clam bake, harbor cruise, etc. . . .

The LSA would love to fund all of this, but it would consume an entire year's budget, so we hope you will attend all events with both gusto and dinero! More to come on all this.

**VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY**

—Yes, this was two week ago, but I rarely get to thank all those who attended and those volunteers, led by Ann Bernhardt, who made it such a fun event, so I do so now. THANK YOU! Wrong tense? Improper syntax? Nah.

The party was fun. The student ABA members helped out with the

heavy labor and raffled off a bar review course, which was won by first-year Rem Kinne. Again, due to liquor license problems, we were unable to charge for drinks or at the door. The LSA till grew a lot smaller and those of you who went were probably quite unhappy upon noting that the drinks were free. Complaints can be left in my mailbox.

**UPCOMING LSA EVENTS**—Soon to come are LSA elections; a second annual Field Day, with the popular relay road race; another fundraising telethon; the Law Review show (which we help fund); yearbook sales; and, of course, RED SOX TICKET SALES. You will notice how I've worked behind the scenes to facilitate the signing of several key Sox players since my last article. I am doing my best to guarantee an exciting game on April 11th, so if we ever do remember to sell those tickets, be sure and buy one.

**LAST WORDS**—In response to insinuations printed in the last issue of this newspaper, I would like to point out that I do not even drive an "ugly brown, tin can." It is an ugly brown and tan tin can. Thank you.

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to be good. And if the TV gets boring just watch your prof. You can't lose and neither can the school.

But why stop there? There's a lot of VCR equipment floating around school. The school should buy some movies and put them at the reserve desk. You could have Keaton on Torts and right next to that, Keaton in *Annie Hall*. People wouldn't complain about going to the library anymore—people might even spend Friday night there.

We'd have to convert the second and fourth floors of the library to video rooms, but the library certainly won't miss the people who study there. You can't tell if those people are there or not, since once they sit down they blend into the stacks.

**Snack Bar**

I hesitate to call the food they serve in that room a 'snack' and now that BCLS doesn't have a liquor license, Newton won't let

them have a "Bar." What to do? We all know a frazzled mind doesn't need a frazzled body. Put a swimming pool in on the first floor and put a gym on the second floor where the faculty offices are. (They don't need them—they're never there anyway.)

Go to class, watch a movie, work out—you know, I bet people would actually look forward to coming to school.

**LAB**

This should only cost a little, since we already have one, but the idea is to give legal service to people who are *really* poor. I mean, the people in Waltham are pretty rich compared to some people in the world who live in say . . . Barbados. Everyone needs some clinical experience and this would really help them AND us.

Those are just a few ideas I've been tossing around. Now, if I was serious, just imagine what I could think of . . .

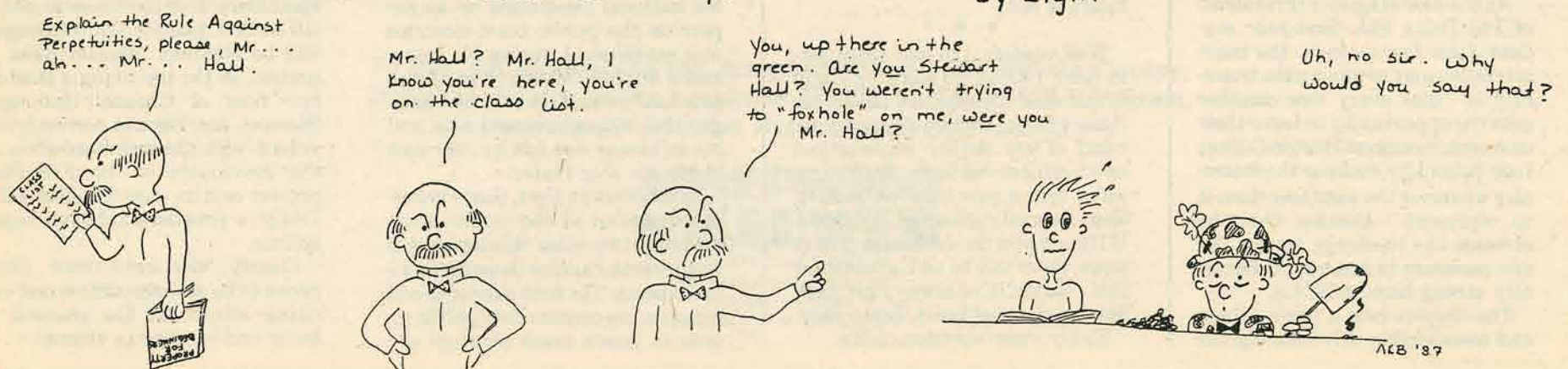
Future J.D.'s

by B.C. Rowe



Stewart Hall: Law Student at Large

by Elgin





# Announcements the Counsellor Refused

## BC Law Students:

Join the BC Law Degree by Correspondence Association. Contact: Geoff Kransdorf (at home)

## Elgin:

Your team better take a dive when it argues against ours.

Threateningly,  
L.O.&F.T.

## BC Law 3Ls:

As you may have heard, our two choices to speak at this year's commencement ceremonies, Justice Burger and Governor Cuomo, have respectfully declined our invitations. We have extended an invitation to another equally prestigious prospective speaker. At this time we cannot disclose this legal luminary's name, but we will announce Mar...uh...mmm...the person's decision as soon as we receive her response.

Desperately,  
Graduation Speaker Committee

## Graduation Speaker Committee:

'Thank'ya fa ya most gracious invitation t'speak at ya commencement ceremonies dis Spring. Unfortunately, I mus d'cline due to da fact dat I'm go'n to da Sox game dat day.

Mary

## BC Law Students:

In furtherance of the University's commitment to raising the stature of the Law School to that of such prestigious institutions as Harvard and Yale Law Schools, the University's Board of Trustees has unanimously voted to match Harvard's and Yale's tuition. Accordingly, tuition at BC Law for the 1987-88 academic year will be \$17,500.

Greedily,  
Father Fahey

## The Women of Boston:

BEWARE... "It's Me" is on the prowl.

A Concerned Citizen

## Dean Coquillette and Professor McMorro:

If I spoke at the commencement ceremonies of all the little law schools at which my clerks have become deans or professors, I wouldn't have time to ensure that this great nation of ours properly commemorates the bicentennial of our great Constitution. Regardless of how much that jerk Warren screwed up its original intent, the Constitution deserves to be properly commemorated.

Maybe your buddy Berney can get Bill to speak (ha-ha).

W. Burger

## BC Law Students:

I'm sorry. All the problems that occurred at the Financial Aid Office this year were my exclusive fault. All the problems which occur next year will also be my fault.

Apologetically,  
Rita Robinson

## Paul and Leslie:

Is that what you wanted me to say?

Rita

## BC Law Students:

Congratulations to Tom Kerner and Art Wells for submitting the Moot Court brief which won the Board's first annual Dave Schultz Award for most penalty points. Honorable mention to Tom White and Dino Vasquez.

B.C.B.S.A.

## BC Financial Aid:

My Commission has found your handling of the law students' loan applications no less obscene than child snuff films.

Edwin Meese

## BC Law 3Ls:

It's 75° and sunny down here. Tuition is only \$500 and the babes are hot.

With no regrets,  
Eddy

## 30 Willow Street:

One more party like the last one and your house is toast.

P.O.'d,  
Newton F.D.

## Bar Review Participants:

There will be two more fundraising raffles. The prizes will be Busty Morgan.

The Bar Review Committee

## 30 Willow Street:

Congratulations! You were our Customers of the Month for February.

Murray's Liquors

## Women's Law Center:

All you gals on the Steering Committee showed a lot of improvement at the last meeting. I'm looking forward to working with your Parallel Parking Committee next week.

E.R. Anow, President  
Acme School of Driving

## BC Law Students:

Say no to Coque and Craque.  
The Dean

## My Loyal Supporters:

In an effort to retire my substantial campaign debt, I will raffle off a case of beer in the student lounge every afternoon until I reach my goal of \$5,000.

Indebtedly,  
Warren Tollman

## BC Law Students:

In order to finance a 6-pack of Old Milwaukee beer, I will raffle off my funniest 1L jokes in the student lounge this Friday afternoon.

Bashingly,  
Elgin

## Professor Berney:

Happy belated Valentine's Day.

Rehnquist, C.J.

## Phi Delta Phi BCLS Reactivates Chapter

By Linda Hausman

The international legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi has reactivated its chapter at Boston College Law School. Since last October, many students have been working to re-establish the fraternity. Now, with the initiation ceremony planned for next month, Phi Delta Phi is ready to go into action as campus organization.

Phi Delta Phi, founded in 1869, is the oldest legal fraternity in existence. It is also the largest, having initiated more than 133,000 members. There are currently about 147 chapters, called Inns, at law schools in the United States and various other countries.

Membership in Phi Delta Phi offers law students many benefits. The fraternity's international headquarters in Washington, D.C., administers a low-interest student loan program and sponsors several student insurance plans. All members are listed in the Fraternity Directory and receive the quarterly newsletter *The Headnote*. Members may be eligible to attend Phi Delta Phi's national and regional conventions. In addition, the fraternity offers scholarship awards that have ranged, in recent years, from \$500 to \$2,000 per scholarship. Alumni members are also available to advise students regarding career opportunities.

The resurgence of the Phi Delta Phi chapter here at BCLS has been filled with enthusiasm. The chapter is called the Moynihan Inn, named after a former distinguished professor at BCLS, Cornelius J. Moynihan. Originally formed about a decade ago, it was defunct until last semester. Since then, starting from scratch, students wishing to re-establish the chapter have given a Phi Delta Phi party and have been holding weekly meetings.

As the new Magister (President) of Phi Delta Phi—first-year student John Isaza—feels, the most attractive part of joining the fraternity is "that every new member gets the opportunity to leave their own contribution at Boston College Law School by making the fraternity whatever the members want it to represent." Besides that, he stresses the challenge set for the new members in making the fraternity strong here at BCLS.

The chapter held a Spring Bash and membership drive during the

week of February 17. Other activities for this semester include writing a booklet for next year's first-year class called *How To Survive Your First Year At BCLS* and forming "pressure-coping groups" around exam time. Over the summer, members will be sending letters to the incoming first-year students to offer assistance in getting used to law school.

On March 12, Phi Delta Phi's initiation ceremony will take place at Barat House, followed by a wine and cheese party. Honorary members will also be inducted, including the Honorable Robert L. Steadman of the Massachusetts Superior Court.

The new initiates of Phi Delta Phi will join a long list of distinguished members. Supreme Court Justices Rehnquist, Brennan, Marshall, Powell, White, Stevens and O'Connor, as well as Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, Robert F. Kennedy, and Gerald Ford.

In many law schools, Phi Delta Phi is an honor fraternity, requiring a high standard of scholastic achievement for eligibility.

If you would like to get involved with—or learn more about—Phi Delta Phi, come to the next meeting on Friday at 11 a.m. in the Student Lounge.

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hammer?"

"Because it feels so good when I stop."

## New Joke

"Mikey, Mikey, why are you going to law school?"

"Because it feels better than hitting myself in the head with a hammer. And it'll feel even better when I stop."

## No Joke

Nobody uses the word "bedevil" anymore. Why? Jeepers, I can't figure it out.

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Well, readers, I'm just about outta here. I hafta go work on Elgin Worldwide Enterprises (EWE for those of you who've purged your mind of my earlier explanation) new business ventures. Right now we're into a new legal publishing idea—canned outlines of Nutshells. What do you think? Starting next issue, there will be an Emanuel for this column (I've always get your best interests at heart, first years).

Enjoy your vacation, folks.

## 2nd Annual Environmental Law Forum

Once again, the Environmental Affairs Law Review and the Conservation Research Group have joined forces to present an Environmental Law Forum. This year's event is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, March 10th in room 315, beginning at 2 p.m. and, allowing time for refreshments and conversations with the panelists, ending around 6 p.m. Given the quality of this year's speakers and the current interest in the program, a large turnout is desired and anticipated.

The forum is entitled "Public Trust vs. Private Interests: Controversy Over New England's Coastline." Professor Joseph Sax has agreed to be the keynote speaker; Prof. Sax has recently joined the University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Bolt Hall), but his national reputation as an expert on the public trust doctrine was established during his many years at the University of Michigan Law School. It was at Michigan that his path crossed with, and his influence was felt by, our own Professor Zyg Plater.

In addition to Prof. Sax's general discussion of the public trust doctrine, two other sub-topics will be presented and/or debated by local experts. The first sub-topic will focus on the concern over public access to beach areas through pri-

vately-owned property. Presenting the private interest will be Sidney Thaxter, a BC Law graduate and a partner in his own Portland, Maine law firm that has been involved in litigation over this issue. Arguing the public side with be Richard Emmett, a senior attorney at the influential Conservation Law Foundation, located here in Boston.

The second sub-topic concerns the proposed Fan Pier development in Boston and the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering's (DEQE) proposed tideland regulations. Discussing these regulations in terms of how they codify the public trust and how they relate to the Fan Pier will be Gregor McGregor, a former BC law professor and senior partner of his own Boston law firm which specializes in environmental plaintiff work. Opposite Mr. McGregor will be attorney Michael Bliss, a partner at the prestigious Boston law firm of Choate, Hall and Stewart. Mr. Bliss is currently involved with the representation of the developers of the Fan Pier project and is also familiar with DEQE's proposed tideland regulations.

Clearly, the conference shall prove to be an informative and exciting afternoon. Do yourself a favor and be sure to attend!



## Law Revue '87 Tune Up For a "Really Big Show"

By R. Anonymity

"Something's coming. I don't know what it is, but it is gonna be great." Clearly, Stephen Sondheim was referring to this year's Law Revue Show.

The theater has a long and glorious tradition and this year's show is no exception. The Law Revue cast and crew have been rehearsing for at least two full days, longer than any other previous Law Revue troupe. We're sure that our lengthy rehearsal schedule will show in our performance.

The entire troupe has been faithfully performing the show in out-of-town tryouts prior to our

world premiere at BC's Theater on the Chestnut Hill campus, on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21. Of course, we've only played the best venues like Woonsocket, Walla Walla, Westphalia, and Wobegon. The audiences roared and the critics raved. Some of our notices were brilliant (but most were not).

As always, these sold-out smash performances were just a tune-up for the only performance the really counts. Naturally, we're talking about our two shows at BC. Tickets are still only \$5 and are on sale at the bookstore. We'll see you there! (At the theater, that is, not the bookstore.)

## I'm Busy or The Whine of the Jaded Law Student

By Mark Katsoff

"I'm busy," was the cry  
She gave, explaining why  
She was tied up for the  
weekend.

"I have lots of work to do.  
If you're smart, you'll do some  
too."

She said, "My casebooks  
beckon."

Priorities are bent.  
In law school you are spent.  
There's never enough time for  
things that matter.  
Venture to the Hammond!  
Let torts and courts be damn'ed.  
Leave time to be spent in idle  
chatter.

Don't sit and work and stew.  
Go to Bar Review.  
There's time enough to work

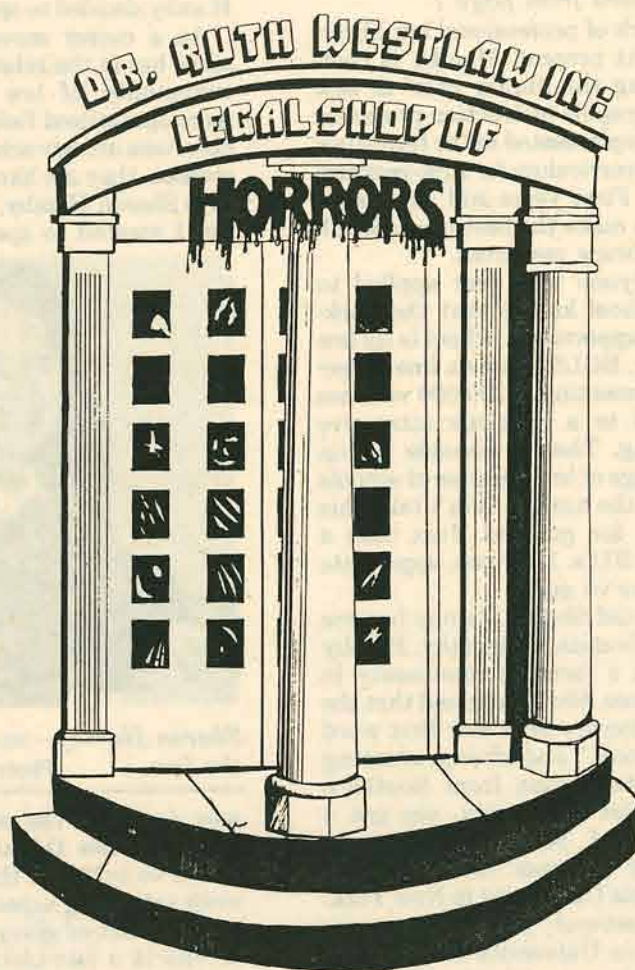
another day.  
Sure, if you get the grades,  
You may well have it made,  
But Jack was really dull without  
his play.

A note to all you grubs  
Who do the grindstone rub  
Assured you're on the fast track  
to success.  
When the interviewers come,  
They'll treat you like a bum  
When all you say is "Palsgraff"  
and "duress."

I repeat one final time  
If you want to work, that's fine.  
But for all things there's a time  
and there's a place.  
Wake up and smell the coffee  
Play some basketball or hockey  
Or you may find you've lost the  
human race.

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# Sharon Hamby: Law Library Director

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network of professional law librarians. At present, Hamby is coordinating the library staff in new bibliographic instruction programs to be implemented in the future law school curriculum for first-year students. First years will thus learn how to make the best use of available library resources.

Everyone who ever applied to law school knows that the backbone supporting a school is its law library. BCLS boasts a fine collection, consisting of 200,000 volumes housed in a spacious attractive building. That is sizeable within the range of law libraries of schools across the nation. Don't take this library for granted. Just take a look at BU's. I, for one, appreciate what we've got!

How did Sharon Hamby become a law librarian? Originally, Hamby is from a farming community in Tennessee. She soon found that she had a literary bent (her first word was "book") and after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Southern Methodist University, she got a Master of Sciences degree in Library Science (MSLS) from Columbia University in New York. After several years in various Columbia University library decision-making positions and later at the Lamont Library at Harvard,

Hamby decided to specialize in law.

As a career move, this would place her in the relatively esoteric community of law librarians—a more specialized field in which the librarians are law-school trained. In essence, they are like lawyers. But, says Sharon Hamby, "The real reason I wanted to specialize in law



Sharon Hamby—surrounded by the law. Photo by Lori Rivera

was to learn the analytical approach of law thinking. I believe that I've achieved this goal." The most satisfying aspect of Hamby's work is that of giving worthwhile service in a stimulating academic setting.

In the 1970's, Hamby attended

Harvard Law School. She remembers her law school experience as being "somewhat intimidating," but felt fortunate to be on a library career track away from the tensions of job placement. Other law students were apparently appalled at her career choice, but that choice is one which she has never regretted. This resolve was further strengthened by Hamby's experience as a research assistant to Professor Morris L. Cohen, the director of the Harvard Law Library. She says, "He became my role model. This gentleman was not just an administrator; he was very intelligent and well-read. Professor Cohen has a real love for the books of the law."

What does Hamby most dislike about being director of a law library? "Mainly repetitive administrative tasks, like in any other job."

When she's away from the law library's demands, Sharon enjoys traveling and backpacking. She has a Master's degree in Environ-

mental Studies from Yale, and has traveled to Africa, Southeast Asia, and in the U.S., mostly to enjoy wildlife. Indeed, this interest has led her to publish writings about wildlife and to become an active member of a national zoological association. Sharon reads frequently on wildlife law and policy.

To relax, Sharon enjoys reading British mysteries and creating paper models of architectural structures. One might think that she lives alone at her home in Newton, but this is hardly true. Her indispensable friends are Will, a 14½-year-old but VERY boisterous cat; Sophie the hamster; three gerbils; and last but not least, three chinchillas who are descended from those once owned by Professor Baron's son!

Being a law librarian, says Sharon, really is intimately tied into the law itself. "One may look at a biology book to learn about bones in a human body. But the printed words in a book of law—those words really ARE the law."

## Movie Review

### Defense of the Realm Thrilling

By LRM

*Defense of the Realm*

For an excellent film that provides both suspense and food for thought, don't miss *Defense of the Realm*, a British thriller about the press and its dubious relationship with the government. Britain does not have the freedom of press we have; a phone call to an editor from a government official can cause the "spiking" of a story on national security grounds under the Official Secrets Act. Coming after almost a decade of Thatcherism and in the immediate wake of an uproar concerning the raiding of a BBC office and the seizure of "sensitive" material, this film raises serious questions about the "openness" of a society respected the world over for its democratic institutions.

The movie's plot is impossibly complex in the same way as *The Big Sleep* is; several viewings are probably necessary to get to the bottom of it. But even when he

leaves his viewers utterly baffled, director David Drury keeps them riveted to the screen with unrelenting tension. In most respects, the hero (Gabriel Byrne), a reporter who digs too deeply, knows more than the audience as he draws unspoken conclusions from disparate bits of information. Byrne's extreme—but not, as it seems, unjustified—paranoia works with the audience's mystification to make the bizarre ending particularly shocking.

Byrne reveals his truth-at-all-costs outlook by ruthlessly setting out to reveal a left-wing member of Parliament as a KGB agent. He does this against the will and advice of his older colleague and friend (Denholm Elliot), who is also, incidentally, the agent's old friend from their days together in the Communist party. But as the film's intensity will ultimately sweep the viewer off just the same. Hopefully, these spartan qualities

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law students are all the same."

Now I was perplexed. I don't wear a uniform to school. I don't have anything branded on my forehead. And I don't quote from Oliver Wendall Holmes while riding the bus, at least not that morning. So I asked her what she meant, and I began to understand.

Law students are not normal, according to Patti. She's a freshman who lives on the Newton Campus (it's not just a law school, she reminded me) and she thinks most law students are geeks. We study all the time, hang out in the corners of the cafeteria, and ignore anyone not of our same ilk. And the worst, she said, is that "You [law students] think you're God's gift to mankind."

Here I was seated on the bus next to some twirp telling me I'm

scheme ripens into scheme, it turns out that they are all on the same side of a filthy game.

There is a certain single-minded professionalism to *Defense*: no wasted scenes, no sub-plots, only the slightest amount of very dry humor. This unmitigated seriousness may be daunting at first, but will not scare off so many viewers that the movie does not get the recognition it deserves.

★ ★ ★ ★

## PULSE Promotes Loan Remission Program

By Linda Furash and Rick Mirabito

PULSE Program is a new student organization formed by a group of ten 1Ls to promote public interest law as a viable career alternative (PULSE stands for Public Interest Law Support and Education). The major goal is to establish a loan assistance fund to support Boston College Law School graduates who pursue careers in public interest organization, legal services or government. PULSE also promotes awareness of public interest law through student recruitment and curriculum proposals. (PULSE is distinguished from PILF, Public Interest Law Foundation, which raises pledges to subsidize those who take summer jobs in public interest law.)

Post-graduate debt burden is the major reason why we need a loan assistance fund at BC. The typical law student will graduate with

\$30,000+ in debts. Private firms pay new graduates almost twice as much as the average public interest salary, and students simply cannot afford to take the lower-paying job.

Dean Coquillette referred to this problem in his LSA speech last fall, pointing out that nationwide, and at BC, the number of law school graduates pursuing public interest law has decreased dramatically because of low salaries and high debt burdens. For example, only thirteen members of BCLS' class of 1985 took public interest jobs (not including government). A well-endowed and stable loan assistance program is necessary to ensure greater participation by BCLS graduates in the public sector. The need for a loan assistance program is even more compelling in light of continuous increases in the cost of tuition.

BCLS is not the only law school which is developing a loan assistance program. The National

Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL) reports that NYU, Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Stanford, Georgetown, Northwestern, and the universities of Chicago, Virginia and Southern California all have loan assistance programs. Students at George Washington and Duke are organizing to establish loan assistance programs at their law schools. NAPIL is preparing materials on a national loan deferral/forgiveness package for federal loans. By making a firm commitment to this, BCLS will place itself at the forefront of a national movement to ensure that quality legal services are available to all regardless of ability to pay.

PULSE is working to establish an endowment and operating capital fund to support a loan assistance program through initial and ongoing grants from the University, private donors and alumni.

a jerk. But I was still interested. It was clear she had an opinion, and it was rather enlightening. The next day I spoke to a couple more Newton freshman, and the following afternoon a friend and I engaged a trio of undergrads to tell their view of law students. Their conclusions are the following:

- Law students are inconsiderate. Our classic *faux pas* comes in the lunch line at school. Catlin, a freshman, told me she buys law students lunch sometimes with their "meal points." It doesn't cost her anything extra, and she's just trying to be nice. But law students don't even say thank you, she said. They just walk away.

- Law students are elitist. We have our own library, our own bookstore, and our own parties. And worst of all, we carry around a kind of intellectual arrogance which is pretty thinly veiled by a sympathetic smile or two.

- Law students are not cute, or handsome. Apparently, that's a pretty serious cut. We're not very "fashion conscious," according to one source. Her friends suggested that we look more like "slobs."

So I started to understand why my first few days on the bus were so quiet. Not much of it really bothered me. I've never been extolled for my sense of fashion, and I didn't mind being called a loner. But one point did strike me—sometimes, we are a pretty arrogant lot.

It's not really conscious, though. We just rush through our days thinking about interrogatories, "The antelope," and the moving classifications system of the law. We just don't make time to be nice.

It's sort of like my car. I just don't think about it much.

Maybe I should.

### CORRECTION

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